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Christmas March

By Eika Davis

The High School of the Pacific banner snapped smartly in the wind as the flags of the Pacific Islands represented at HSP were raised: Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Marshall Islands, and the Hawaiian Islands. The flag bearers stood smartly as they awaited instructions from their teachers. A bystander might have wondered what these students were doing here, but for the students their goal was crystal clear: To give a great performance at the 2006 Annual Christmas Parade held on Ali'i Drive on December 16, 2006.

This parade was to be the first HSP had ever entered, and as a result everyone was nervous, yet excited about it. Sensei Nakade had been the main organizer, and with the help of the other staff members, the students of HSP were practiced and ready. As the numbers were called off, every ear was listening for the announcer to call "10!" As soon as it was called, the columns of students with their flags and candy marched out onto the cleared road.

The students burst into the song, "Feliz Navidad", and walked down the road. As the group came to spectators sitting by the roadside,

student hands went into paper bags and came out filled with candy to toss to them. Children leapt and scrambled for the falling pieces. At judges' posts along the way, a group of students performed a spirited Marshallese slap dance which stunned all those watching. The exhilarating marching, dancing, cheering and singing was finished at the Mango Grove, where students found a place behind the scenes to rest and cool off before going to watch the rest of the parade. There were at least 60 entries. The first few were foot marchers, and then came bikes, trucks and cars, followed by huge decorated floats that took up the entire road. It was an amazing affair and all enjoyed it. In the newspaper the next day, we were announced as the second place winners amongst the foot marchers. In March of 2007 a certificate from Mayor Kim and a check for \$75 came in the mail to commemorate this. The students of HSP had again proved their worth, and the fruit of their craft was framed and hanged so that all would know of their talent.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Fourth Quarter Final Exams
- ◆ Graduation
- ◆ Trip Home

West Hawaii Today Trip

By Melody Damon

On February 7, 2007, the journalism team at the High School of the Pacific made a visit to the West Hawaii Today Newspaper headquarters. Bobby Command, the same journalist who had previously visited our class at school to share about his career, was the tour guide. Students got to meet employees

at each department and learn about the materials and equipment used to produce the newspaper. A big highlight for all was seeing the huge printing presses and printers, and the dark room in red light. In addition, students learned first hand how journalists work, including their management of time and their work schedule. They also learned what it means to be a staff photographer, and
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and how the newspaper stays afloat financially through its advertisements and classified column. The journalism class had so much fun and gained a great deal from the visit thanks to Mr. Command.



Mr. Command points out some of the formats used for the daily newspapers.

Learning US History through Movies

By Lisa Sigrah

Does one ever get tired of learning through reading books all day? The new American culture elective class at HSP offers a great alternative: movies! The inspirational movies of this class not only reveal American culture, they teach character education. Students learn how to earn loyalty and respect from others, turn crises into triumphs, and become successful people! Some films that these students have watched are Emperor's Club, Radio, Hotel Rwanda, Rudy, and Glory Road. Many of the films are based on true stories; they all deal with the history of America or its present-day reality. For instance, the movie Glory Road, tells the story of a college basketball team with the first ever all-black starting lineup. This is in 1966 when white and black people do not cooperate well with each other.

Through reflecting on this movie, students are inspired to bring more unity at HSP. Many students are starting to practice the moral values they learn from these films.

Student Erine Tulensru said, "When I watched one of the movies, I heard one quote that I really thought about and it helps me when I come to a point where I want to give up everything: "Failure is not an option."

Although some movies can be a big waste of time, students are finding the movies of this class edifying!



Left: The students watched one of America's old time movie, Glory Road, with their class teacher, Nakade Sensei.

Recycling at HSP

By Yolanda Finnginam

The junior and senior class at the High School of the Pacific, with the help of their English teacher Ms. Solomon, decided to generate a recycling program at the school campus. In every class the students put a recycling box for paper waste. Now all the paper that would normally have gone into the trash bin, goes into the recycling box. The students are becoming more and more conservative and conscientious; they can be seen picking up paper from the ground and throwing it into the recycling bin. With everyone's cooperation the school now has a working recycling system and we are happy that we can give something back to the environment.

Visiting HPA Campus and Meeting the Franklins

By Tanya Yinug

Ka Makani is "wind" in the Hawaiian language and it is used as the mascot for the Hawaii Prep Academy. Located in Waimea of the Big Island, Hawaii Prep Academy serves students from kindergarten through high school and includes a boarding program that admits students for grades six through twelve. Hawaii Prep Academy, or HPA for short, is rated as one of the top schools in Hawaii. HPA is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

During the Christmas Break, a few of the students who stayed at HSP went on a tour of HPA. They drove an hour and a half to get to the windy but beautiful Waimea, so they could take a look at how HPA worked. Mr. Bart Mwarey, Mr. Louis Sardis, and Miss Tersy Matto chaperoned the HSP students on their trip. After the wonderful tour of the classrooms, the dormitory, the sports area, and so forth, they got interviewed at the admission office. It was a wonderful experience; it was like interviewing for college or a job! All of the students enjoyed it.

One of the highlights of visiting HPA was meeting Mr. Franklin, a previous teacher at HSP who had been a favorite among the student body. Everyone there was glad to see Michael Franklin and his family, who were on-campus residents there.

We returned to Kona with awe. HPA was very similar to HSP, only bigger. The students here know what it feels like to be boarding students. We enjoyed touring HPA and we hope to visit the campus another time.



Happy Birthday

January 4	Rylan Kuartei
January 18	Frannie Baker
January 26	Luchie Robert
January 31	Tanya Yinug
March 11	Bianca Hanchor
March 26	Shyan Adachi
March 27	Jamie Edilyong
April 1	Erick Paul
April 2	Sherlyn Reynold
April 10	Kevin Iyechad
April 11	Keefe Techitong
April 12	Trisha Bisalen
April 15	Takano Alkan
May 10	Eika Davis
May 13	Yaeko Azuma
May 13	Mark Alex
May 13	Xilfred Robert



Christmas with the Mylar Family

By Yaeko Azuma

On December 25, 2006 students and faculty who stayed at HSP for the holidays celebrated with a Christmas dinner at the Mylar's house followed by a slumber party for girls only. Everyone was surprised to see the Mylar's house because it was huge with a small yard. Before dinner we had time to play basketball and to pick oranges. Also, Eika Davis, a student who lives nearby, showed us her house both inside and out. The food was delicious; it included many delectable desserts. After dinner Ms. Annemarie distributed gifts to all the students. As a closer for the evening, we all watched a movie called Wonderful Life.

After the movie all the HSP boys and Mr. Francis left back to the dorm. All the men living in the house, including Mr. Mylar, Mr. Mike, and his son, also left, leaving the house to the ladies. After the men left, the girls got ready for their sleep-over. The girls had fun rearranging the living room to make space for everyone to sleep. Then the girls played basketball or indoor games. We took showers, chatted, and then slept. When we got up in the morning, we ate breakfast and helped Ms. Annemarie clean her house before leaving to go back to the dorm. It was an enjoyable event and the students look forward to doing it again next year.



"It is the personal thoughtfulness, The warm human awareness, the reaching out of self to one's fellow man that makes giving worthy of the Christmas spirit."



Science Day at Hilo

By Ivanda Ngirakesau

On February 3, 2007 several students and teachers took an extra-curricular trip to Hilo, to partake in the Seventh Annual Astronaut Ellison Onizuka Science Day. This was in part, an annual commemoration of the passing of the astronaut Onizuka. He was Hawaii's first astronaut and had died in the Challenger explosion. At 4:30 a.m., the students woke up to the black of the morning and got ready for their two and a half hour bus ride from Kealakekua to Hilo. The chauffeurs for the trip were Mr. Mike and Ms. Solomon who share an interest in applied sciences and the furthering of student experience. They were both very dedicated and made sure in advance that every student was able to get on the bus and be on their way. At

around six o'clock everyone was on the bus and ready to go. It was cold and I was glad the boys made it; they got there in the nick of time. On the bus many of the students caught up on some much wanted sleep while student photographers snapped shots of the unlucky sleepers. After a number of stops the bus finally reached the UH Hilo Campus and everyone unloaded. Once students were registered, they were able to enter into the auditorium to participate in the opening general assembly featuring Astronaut Don Thomas. We were inspired by the testimony about Ellison Onizuka, a young man who had a dream and followed it to its end, achieving it despite great odds. In addition, Don Thomas thrilled us with his stories of life in space. After the general assembly we went to our workshop sessions to participate in various science activities such as magnification,

digital photography, experimentation with UV lights, exploration with robots and many others. Erine Tulensru won first place in a survival activity game that she played in her workshop dealing with the need for the protection of Hawaii's native plants and animals. The closing general assembly included Waiakea High School's Sheri Kojima, Hawaii's Teacher of the Year, who described her incredible summer adventure in G-Force One flying 15 two-mile high parabolas to reach zero gravity. In addition, hilarious Dale Olive wooed the audience with his science magic demonstrations.

Although the students had a hard time waking up so early in the morning, they were fine throughout the day, and as they left for home, they were all very happy they had gone!